

# Kentucky Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council

## Meeting Summary

November 18, 2021

Virtual Meeting

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. EST

**Council Members:** Robin Osborne, Sharon Darnell, Steve Shannon, Angela Sparrow, Susan Abbott, Lauren Reynolds, Phyllis Millspaugh, Jeanette Rheeder, Ron O'Hair, Bill Heffron, Betty Abshire, Tracy Gross, Peggy Roark, David Gutierrez, Mike Barry, Becky Clark, Sherry Sexton, Sandy Weaver, Kathryn Tillett, Steve Shannon, Sherri Estes, Carmilla Ratliff, Valerie Mudd, Rachel Petit, Steve Lyons, Emily Eldridge, Lynn Haney

**Staff:** Cheryl Bogarty, Patti Clark, Hope Beatty, Christie Penn, Amy Potts, Missy Runyon, Diana Hobbs, Levi Bolin, Maranda Perkins, Tom Beatty, Paula Brown, Tammi Taylor

**Guests:** Marcie Timmerman

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Call Meeting to Order	Robin Osborne, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM and welcomed members, guests and staff.	Planning Council's homepage: <a href="http://dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/kbhpac.aspx">http://dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/kbhpac.aspx</a>
Member Updates	<p>Members, guests and staff introduced themselves and provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peggy Roark shared that she has been reaching out to legislators to advocate for changes to worker safety and grandparents' rights laws.</li><li>• Emily Eldridge shared that she has been sharing resource information at events in the Adanta region; families have been very receptive and appreciative.</li><li>• Dr. Heffron shared that the Department for Juvenile Justice continues to experience staff shortages due to COVID.</li><li>• Angela Sparrow shared as a Cabinet wide initiative, the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) has been awarded a one-year mobile crisis grant to look at crisis services and possible opportunities for expansion. DMS is exploring a waiver for individuals with serious mental illness and severe emotional disability; waivers can provide an enhanced array of services to target populations of Medicaid recipients. DMS is participating in the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Demonstration; the 4 participating CMHCs are undergoing the certification process and the demo will go live 1/1/22.</li><li>• Jeanette Rheeder shared that Kentucky Housing Corporation has Healthy at Home eviction relief funds available. Applications are being accepted; the eviction must be COVID-related.</li><li>• Susan Abbott shared that Kentucky Protection &amp; Advocacy are visiting facilities in person unless there are active COVID</li></ul>	Susan, thank you for eight years of service to the Council!

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	<p>cases. Susan also shared that she is retiring soon; Rachel Petit will be P&amp;A's new representative on the Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ron O'Hair shared that the 2021 APSE Virtual Conference is being held on December 9, 2021. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation is working to increase Individual Placement and Support (IPS) services across the state and are working with a workforce investment board in Eastern Kentucky. The Workforce Cabinet will soon be merging with the Labor Cabinet.</li> <li>• Steve Shannon shared that the Kentucky General Assembly's Severe Mental Illness Task Force has released their report and recommendations and that he will share it with the Council.</li> <li>• Sherri Estes shared that Kentucky's Regional Prevention Centers (RPCs) have been busy due to schools being back in person. RPCs are focused on efforts to reduce vaping amongst middle schoolers and completing needs assessments to identify focus areas.</li> </ul>	<p>The SMI Task Force Report was emailed to members and is available <a href="#">online</a>.</p>
Approval of August Meeting Summary	<p>Members reviewed the August meeting summary. Phyllis Millspaugh made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Sherry Sexton seconded. <b>Minutes approved.</b></p>	<p>Approved meeting summaries are available at the Planning Council's homepage.</p>
Committee Reports	<p><u>Executive Committee</u> Robin Osborne, Council Chair, reported that the Executive Committee will meet on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 10 AM Eastern Time. A revised 2022 meeting calendar was shared and the date change for the second quarterly meeting was discussed. Members asked staff to schedule a Bylaws Committee meeting (look at dates after the legislative session ends).</p> <p><u>Membership Committee</u> Sharon Darnell, Committee Chair, shared that a Membership Committee meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2022 @ 11:00-12:30 Eastern Time. During that meeting, members will review applications for three member vacancies and will select a slate of officers to recommend to the Council. Staff shared that current members' terms are active through 2023 and 2024.</p> <p><u>Finance and Data Committee</u> Peggy Roark, Committee Chair, shared that the committee will meet on April 14, 2022 @10-12:30 Eastern Time.</p>	<p>Staff will schedule the Bylaws meeting.</p>
Department Update	<p>Phyllis Millspaugh provided the following updates for the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities:</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patti Clark, Ed.D., is now an Assistant Director for the Division of Behavioral Health (DBH).</li> <li>DBH staff are in the process of revising Kentucky's three peer support regulations and standardizing requirements into one regulation. Revisions were discussed and feedback solicited.</li> <li>The department has many ongoing initiatives to reduce racial and ethnic disparities.</li> </ul>	
COVID Testing and Mitigation Funds	Missy Runyon, BHDID Program Administrator, provided information about two pots of COVID Testing and Mitigation Funds (MH and SUD) that the department received. These funds may be used to purchase items such as testing equipment and supplies, hand sanitizer, and PPE. Missy shared the amount of the funds and how each are being allocated.	
2022 Block Grant Reports	<p>Missy Runyon and Hope Beatty, Behavioral Health Information Systems Coordinator, provided information about Kentucky's 2022 Mental Health Block Grant Report and 2022 Substance Abuse Block Grant Report, our state's annual reports of services, supports and initiatives funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).</p> <p>The following comments and questions shared during the meeting provided an active discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Thank you for the support the 14 community mental health centers."</li> <li>"Is there evidence to support the 10% set aside for first episode psychosis?"</li> <li>"Is intervention at that point (before or during first episode of psychosis) is associated with better outcomes?"</li> <li>"Students had difficulty accessing services last year even with telehealth. There were difficulties with connecting with services due to lack of warm handoffs and workforce shortages."</li> <li>"You did a great job explaining the report and data."</li> <li>"Great meeting!"</li> </ul>	An <a href="#">archive</a> of submitted drafts and approved versions of Block Grant applications and reports is available at the department's website. You are encouraged to submit comments on Kentucky's applications and reports. Information about how to do that is available <a href="#">here</a> .
Adjournment of Meeting	Valerie Mudd made a motion to adjourn at 12:27 PM. Sherry Sexton seconded. <b>Motion approved.</b>	<b>Next Meeting:</b> Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022